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31: **1**   Watching
for riches,
consumeth the
flesh, and the care
thereof driveth
away sleep.

31: **2** Watching care
will not let a man
slumber, as a sore

disease breaketh
sleep.

31: **3**  The rich hath
great labor in
gathering riches
together, and when he
resteth, he is filled
with his delicates.

31: **4**  The poor
laboreth in his poor
estate, and when

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he leaveth off,
he is still needy.

31: **5** 💰 He that loveth
gold shall not be
justified, and he that
followeth corruption,
shall have enough
thereof.

31: **6** 💰 Gold hath been
the ruin of many, and
their destruction

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was present.

31: **7** It is a stumbling block unto them that sacrifice unto it, and every fool shall be taken therewith.

31: **8**  Blessed is the rich that is found without blemish, and hath not gone after gold:

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31:9 Who is he? and
we will call him

blessed: for wonderful
things hath he done
among his people.

31:10 Who hath been
tried thereby, and
found perfect? then let
him glory. Who might
offend and hath not
offended, or done evil,

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and hath not done it?

31:11 His goods shall

be established, and
the congregation shall
declare his alms.

31:12 🍴 If thou sit at a
bountiful table, be not
greedy upon it, and
say not, There is
much meat on it.

31:13 📌 Remember that

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**a wicked eye is an evil
thing: and what is
created more wicked
than an eye? therefore
it weepeth upon
every occasion.**

**31:14 Stretch not
thine hand
whithersoever
it looketh, and thrust
it not with him**

into the dish.

31:15 Judge of thy neighbor by thyself: and be discreet in every point.

31:16 🍴 Eat as it becometh a man those things which are set before thee: and devour not, lest thou be hated.

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31:17 Leave off first for manners sake, and be not unsatiable, lest thou offend.

31:18 When thou sittest among many, reach not thine hand out first of all.

31:19 A very little is sufficient for a man well nurtured, and he

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**fetcheth not his wind
short upon his bed.**

31: 20   **Sound**

**sleep cometh of
moderate eating: he
riseth early, and his
wits are with him, but
the pain of watching
and choller, and
pangs of the belly
are with an**

unsatiable man.

31:21 🍴 And if thou
hast been forced to
eat, arise, go forth,
vomit, and thou shalt
have rest.

31:22 My son, hear
me, and despise me
not, and at the last
thou shalt find as I
told thee: in all thy

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**works be quick,
so shall there no
sickness come
unto thee.**

31:23  **Who so is
liberal of his meat,
men shall speak well
of him, and the report
of his good
housekeeping will
be believed.**

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31: 24 But against him that is a niggard of his meat, the whole city shall murmur; and the testimonies of his niggardness shall not be doubted of.

31: 25 🍷 Shew not thy valiantness in wine, for wine hath destroyed many.

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31:26 🍷 The furnace
proveth the edge by
dipping: so doth wine
the hearts of the
proud by
drunkenness.

31:27 🍷 Wine is as
good as life to a man
if it be drunk
moderately: what life
is then to a man that

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**is without wine? for
it was made to make
men glad.**

31: 28 🍷 **Wine**

**measurably drunk,
and in season,
bringeth gladness of
the heart and
cheerfulness of the
mind.**

31: 29 🍷 **But
wine drunken with**

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**excess, maketh
bitterness of the
mind, with brawling
and quarreling.**

31: 30 🍸 **Drunkenness
increaseth the rage of
a fool till he offend, it
diminisheth strength,
and maketh wounds.**

31: 31 🍸 **Rebuke not thy
neighbor at the wine,**

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**and despise him not
in his mirth: give him
no despiteful words,
and press not upon
him with urging him
(to drink.)**

**niggard - stingy; unwilling
to share; irresponsible in
management of personal
business, particularly in
finances and charity**